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VRSCA's Concerns about the FCC's Recent Proposals about VRS Reform

Preserve Our Rights

The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) was enacted in 1990. The ADA requires deaf and hard-of-hearing have access to "functionally-equivalent" communication. That means we have choices and services similar to those enjoyed by hearing people. The ADA moved us forward and leveled the playing field. That means we deserve to have access to the same products and services as hearing people.

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Federal Communications Commission's (FCC's) recent Proposals – Not Functionally Equivalent

- No choice in equipment. The proposal would require us to buy our own equipment – all the same "off-the-shelf" equipment. That means everyone's VRS equipment would be the same – designed by hearing people for the general population. That means we would buy the same device from local electronics stores and we would be responsible to install and maintain our equipment. Hearing people have choices...why can't we?
- No choice in VRS providers. We would be required to access VRS through a centralized database that would assign calls to VRS providers. Hearing people have a choice in providers...why can't we?
- With rate cuts, quality would suffer, with limited or no choices, unreliable service and possibly longer hold times. Hearing people enjoy quality service and have ability to choose from different providers....why can't we?

You Have Rights – Make a Difference

The FCC wants feedback from the public. That means YOU! The FCC is asking for "Public Comment" – especially from VRS users – by Nov. 14th and wants responses, or "Replies," to Public Comments by Nov.29th.

The FCC's Proposals, How to Contact the FCC, and What to Say...

- Visit www.vrscanet.org to read and study the FCC's proposals.
- The VRSCA website will soon be updated with an ASL video on the FCC's proposals and VRSCA's positions on it. Soon, the website will give you instructions about how to contact the FCC and submit comments to the FCC from the VRSCA website.
- In your own words, tell the FCC your concerns and what you want from VRS, including functionally-equivalent communications as promised by the ADA. Tell the FCC not to change those aspects of VRS that you think currently work.

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I am writing because I am very concerned about the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC's) recent proposals to change the way VRS works. I can't imagine life without the current services I use. I don't want to see those services change!

The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) moved deaf people forward and opened up opportunities for us. The ADA assured deaf people (like me) that we will have access to "functionally-equivalent" communication – communication choices and services similar to those enjoyed by hearing people. To date, Video Relay Service (VRS) is the most functionally-equivalent communication service for deaf people.

I am concerned that if the FCC's proposals go into effect, I won't have what the ADA promised me – choice in my VRS equipment. The products I now use were designed by deaf people for deaf people. Hearing people have choices. I want choices.

I am concerned that if the FCC's proposals go into effect, I won't have a choice in my VRS provider. I don't want my calls to be routed through a centralized database that would assign my calls to different providers. Hearing people have a choice in service providers. I want a choice.

I am concerned that if the FCC's proposals go into effect and there are rate cuts for VRS providers, the quality of my service will suffer. I'm concerned that with very limited resources, VRS providers might have to make changes that would result in longer hold times, unreliable service and less training for interpreters. Hearing people have a choice to choose quality service. I don't want VRS quality to suffer because VRS providers have no choice but to cut aspects of their service.

Please fulfill the promises of the ADA! I want functional equivalency. I want choices – in equipment, providers and quality. Please ensure that the VRS services I currently enjoy are maintained.

Sincerely,

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